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MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT
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* TUESDAY
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* Rain, Rain, Rain
* High 88° Low 74°
* 1752-0645-Hours
* of non-moonlight
* 0% Illumination

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU L.I. (AMERICAL IO)—Eighteen VC and one NVA were killed, four individual weapons captured, and eight suspects were detained in Southern I Corps yesterday by Americal Division units.

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Nine VC and one NVA were killed and three individual weapons were captured by 196th Inf. Bde. "Charger" units in Operation Wheeler/Wallowa yesterday.

"3rd Bn., 21st Inf. company killed one VC with M-60 machine gun fire 12 miles west of Tam Ky. The VC was wearing a grey uniform.

A short time later the "Gimlet" company spotted a group of NVAs moving up a trail. A hasty ambush was set up, resulting in one NVA killed and one AK-47 and one SKS rifle, and four Chicom grenades captured.

Another 3d Bn., 21st Inf. company killed one VC with M-60 machine gun fire as he fled a hut 14 miles west of Tam Ky. The VC was wearing a khaki uniform.

"Guardians" of a 2d Bn., 1st Inf. company killed one VC 15 miles northwest of Tam Ky.

"4th Bn., 21st Inf. recon. plt. engaged a group of VC fleeing a hut seven miles south of Hoi An. Three VC were killed and one M-1 carbine was captured.

The "Gimlet" Recon. plt. later killed three VC in the same area.

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Action in the 11th Inf. Bde.'s area of operations was slowed by heavy rain and winds with gusts up to 35 knots yesterday. "Jungle Warrior" units accounted for six suspects detained.

One VC was killed by a 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company commanded by CPT James O'Herron (Winona, Minn.) during a combat sweep five miles northwest of Duc Pho.

Later in the afternoon the "Always First" unit encountered two more VC. The enemy was engaged resulting in two

VC killed six miles northwest of Duc Pho.

"Old Guard" soldiers of a 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company led by 1LT Robert F. Woodruff (Columbus, O.) killed two VC two miles northwest of Duc Pho.

The unit searched the area and found a 100-pound box of TNT.

A short time later the 4th Bn., 3d Inf. command and control helicopter (C&C) commanded by LTC Albert L. Russell, Jr. (Haleiwa, H.) killed one VC three miles west of Duc Pho.

In the same vicinity the C&C detained VC suspects later in the day.

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Units of the 198th Inf. Bde. accounted for three VC killed, two suspects detained, one weapon captured, and a small ammo cache found yesterday.

In the Burlington Trail area a 1st Bn., 52d Inf. company led by CPT Jack W. Sorensen (Council Bluffs, Iowa) detained one VC suspect west of Tam Ky.

"1st Bn., 46th Inf. company. Led by 1LT David O. Bergeron (Fairfield, O.) found an enemy ammo cache hidden in a cave and tunnel complex northwest of Tam Ky.

125 Chicom grenades, 44 70mm artillery rounds, 3,100 AK-47 rounds, and eight RPG rockets were among the items in the cache.

The unit found two VC bodies later in the day near the same site.

1LT Bergeron's company later spotted a small group of VC in the vicinity.

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An artillery fire mission was called, resulting in one VC killed.

1st Bn., 6th Inf. company engaged two VC five miles west of Chulkai, wounding one and capturing one AK-47 rifle. The wounded VC was evacuated for medical treatment and interrogation.

In the Chu Lai area a 5th Bn., 46th Inf. Company captured 450 pounds of rice.

480 Vietnamese were treated during five MEDCs held by 198th Inf. Bde. soldiers yesterday.

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The 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. reported negative contact in their area of operations yesterday

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American losses were one soldier wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

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D. TELINES/UPI

MILAN.—Motorists in six Asian countries killed more persons in traffic accidents last week than the total of American and South Vietnamese soldiers who fell on the battlefields of Vietnam.

Japan accounted for the bulk of highway deaths.

Last week's battlefield toll in Vietnam listed 177 Americans and 176 Republic of Vietnam troopers killed in battle, a total of 253. The figure for the year stands at 13,026 Americans and 15,467 South Vietnamese killed in action, a total of 28,473.

A United Press International survey of Taiwan, Thailand (Bangkok only), the Philippines, Hong Kong, Seoul and Japan showed that a total of 348 persons were killed in highway slaughter. Incomplete and projected figures show a figure of 13,388 highway deaths for the first 42 weeks of the year.

The toll so far this year is higher than the number of Americans killed in Vietnam and nearly as high as the Vietnamese losses. Traffic experts say there are at least 10 persons injured for every highway death. Many die afterwards but no records are kept. It is safe to say that the highway toll would surpass battlefield deaths if the delayed fatalities among the injured were counted.

This was the picture:

Country	Week's Totals	Year Thus Far
Japan	310	10,780
Thailand	6	273
(Bangkok)		
Philippines	12	741
Taiwan	28 (projected)	1,163
Hong Kong	2	257
Korea	4 (projected)	174
(Seoul)		

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